

Amendments to the specification

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 6, line 37 to page 7, line 7, as follows:

Q1 Following this, when the print data is written in the spool file 7, the device control [[file]] filter 8 is activated and reads out the print data written in the spool file 7 for analysis and conversion thereof. Then, the device control filter 8 analyzes and processes the print data and converts the data into a print format for the printer 2. The data processed herein is sent to the printer 2 for printing.

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 9, line 33, as follows:

Q2 Here, if the device control [[file]] filter 8 is designed to read out completely the print data that has been written in the spool file 7 under a file name in question, even if the flag becomes 0 while the print data of the print job in question is being analyzed and processed, there is no risk of the printing of the relevant print job being interrupted.

Amendments to the drawings:

The attached sheet of drawing includes changes to Fig. 5. In particular, step S4 of Fig. 5 has been amended to change "FORCED RELEASE FLAG = OFF" to --FORCED HOLD FLAG = OFF--.